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E.O. 12065: RDS 1,3 (6/26/12) (LYMAN, PRINCETON)
TAGS: PEPR, PDIP, CG, IS
SUBJECT: BEGIN ASKS CONGRESSMEN TO EASE UP ON ZAIRE

1. CONFIDENTIAL ENTIRE TEXT.

2. THE ISRAELI EMBASSY HAS INFORMED DAS LYMAN THAT DURING HIS VISIT HERE PRIME MINISTER BEGIN MET PRIVATELY WITH CONGRESSMEN SOLARZ AND WOLPE. IN THAT MEETING THE PRIME MINISTER EXPLAINED THE IMPORTANCE TO ISRAEL OF ZAIRE HAVING ESTABLISHED DIPLOMATIC RELATIONS, THAT MOBUTU HAD INDEED KEPT HIS WORD IN THIS MATTER, AND THAT THE GOI WOULD LIKE TO HAVE MOBUTU TREATED LESS HEAVY-HANDEDLY BY THE CONGRESS. THE CONGRESSMEN RESPONDED THAT THEY UNDERSTOOD ISRAEL'S POSITION, BUT THEY WERE CONCERNED ABOUT HUMAN RIGHTS IN ZAIRE AND ABOUT STABILITY THERE. A STABLE ZAIRE WAS IN THE U.S. INTEREST THEY SAID, AND THEY FELT THAT THE PROSPECTS FOR A STABLE ZAIRE DEPENDED ON PRESSURING MOBUTU TO MAKE REFORMS.

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